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"John's art made the most fantastical situations feel grounded and real. His work had a uniquely cinematic quality to it, and we strive to bring to the screen what he masterfully accomplished on the page: characters that, even as they're pulled into extraordinary situations, still seem human and believable. He was a wonderful artist and storyteller, collaborator and friend to so many of our people here at Marvel."

– Kevin Feige
PRESIDENT, MARVEL STUDIOS

"John is one of the defining creative voices of his generation, whose work will be celebrated for years to come. His artistic and design skills were unparalleled, and he moved into otherworldly when you took in his ability to tell a story visually. With all that being said, he was simply a great guy who enjoyed a great meal and a quiet conversation. I will miss John dearly, and I consider myself lucky to have been his friend."

– Dan Buckley
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"John approached his art in the same way he did everything in life: fearlessly. It's what made him so good at what he did. From the soft touch needed on certain lines, to the bold bravado of the shots he often chose, John made every page better by putting 100% of himself into every composition and character. His comics truly embody his spirit, and while he's left us far too early, his legacy will live forever in these stories that he loved telling."

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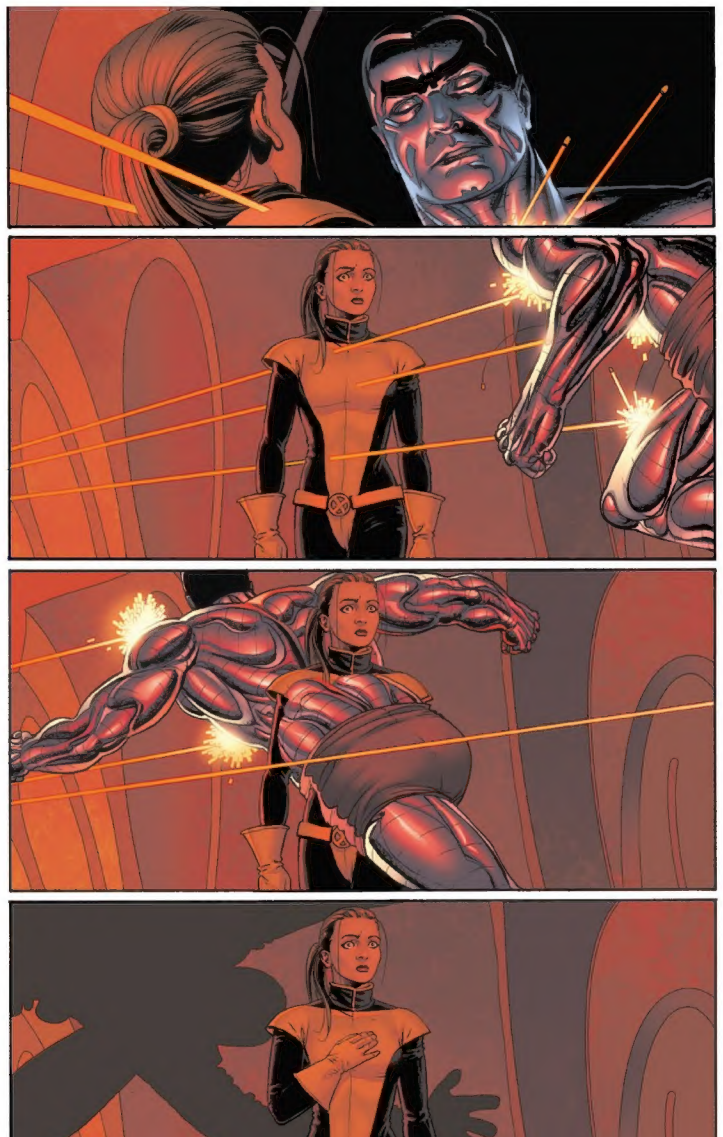
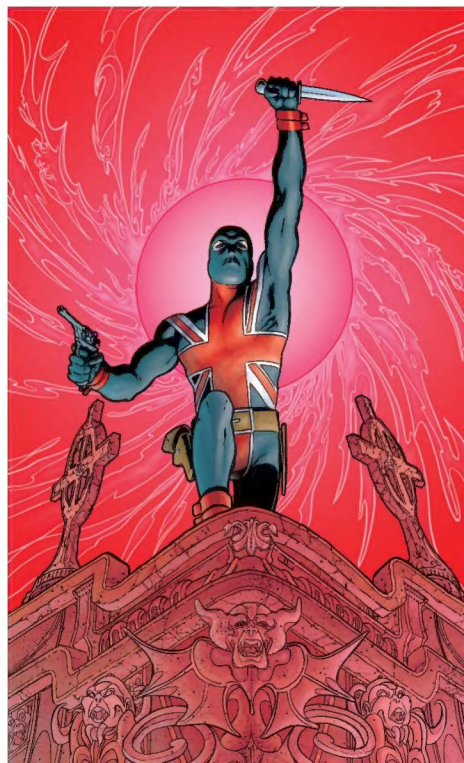




KR-A-THAK
HSSSSSSSSSS
"...MIGHT NO
ENOUGH TO
THE TIDE
RAAAGGR
...GOING
BERSERK!"
I DIDN'T HEAR ANY OF THAT, BUT DON'T WORRY, SILENCE.
YOU FOCUS ON THE ZOMBIOTES.
I'LL HANDLE POISON.

WRONG DAY, "BUB."
WRONG DAY AND WRONG DOGLIKE SYMBIOTE!
DIDN'T YOU EVER WATCH JOHN WICK IN YOUR UNIVERSE?
BECAUSE OL' PRINCESS DEADPOOL IS ABOUT TO RAGE, KEANU-STYLE, ALL OVER YOU!
ROOOOAAGGR!
SLLLSSSH
THIS IS WHEN YOU SCREAM, "NOT IN THE FACE! NOT IN THE FACE!"
GROOWWWWF

CHWOMP
BLARGH!
YOU'RE EVEN MORE DISGUSTING...
...MORE CRUSTY...
...UP CLOSE!
YAGGGH!
SHHHK
SH-STAB
NO TONGUE!
SHNGK
NO TONGUE!
SLLSGK
NO TONGUE!
GRRRRRRRRRRRRR
P-TEW
THERE ARE, LIKE...
...EIGHT ENEMIES I'D ALLOW TO STAB ME IN THE FACE WITH THEIR TONGUE...
...LET SOCIAL MEDIA DEBATE WHO THEY ARE...
...BUT YOU AREN'T ONE OF THEM!

VENOM WAR

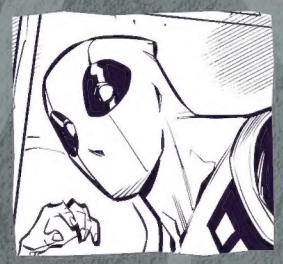
DEADPOOL #3

Yeesh, three issues in and you still need to be told what's going on??? C'mon now...

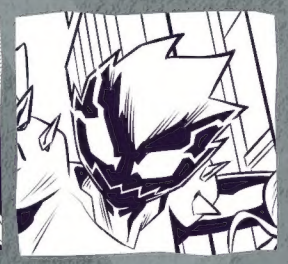
Because this is a symbiote crossover event, of course there's a big invasion. This time, we're calling them **ZOMBIOTES** because they take over the living and the dead. Through a series of events best summarized in the pages of **VENOM WAR: DEADPOOL #1-Z**, Deadpool has taken to the streets to kick some Zombiote goop with the aid of a girl named **ANDI**, who is bonded with the **SILENCE** symbiote, some old pals from the **MONSTER METROPOLIS**--namely **LIVING MUMMY, FRANK, MAN-THING, MANPHIBIAN** and everyone's favorite pop culture sensation **MORBIUS**-- and of course, Deadpool's symbiote dog **PRINCESS**.

POISON was also thrown into the mix, because why not. But Deadpool learned a valuable lesson about picking someone for your crossover team just because they look cool when Poison lost his marbles and started attacking his teammates. Princess tried to subdue him, but was critically injured in the process. Close out of *Does the Dog Die*, she's fine! Deadpool bonded with Princess to heal her, transforming them into **PRINCESS DEADPOOL**.

Oh, and *duh*--this all takes place before Deadpool **DIED** over in his main book. Spoiler, sorry.



WADE WILSON, A.K.A. DEADPOOL



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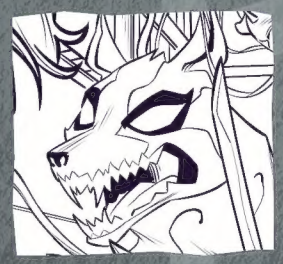

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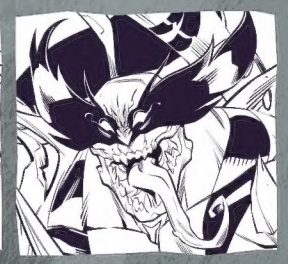

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I KNOW WHATEVER'S HAPPENED TO YOU...
...GETTING PULLED FROM YOUR DIMENSION...
...GETTING INFECTED BY ALIEN SYMBIOTE KILLERS...
...TURNING INTO A MONSTER...
...REALLY MESSED YOU UP!
BUT THAT'S NO REASON TO TURN ON YOUR ALLIES!
PRINCESS DEADPOOL-- SMASH!
KRAOOOOOM
ROOAAARR!
SLUUSSSH
KRA-S MASH
SWING, BATTER!
SWING, BATTER!
SA-WING, BATTER!
ROOOOARRRR!
SLU-RRRRP

ANTI-VENOM IS SLOWING THEM DOWN!
BUT NOT MUCH!
DEADPOOL!
WE NEED TO GET POISON UNDER CONTROL BEFORE WE GET OVERWHELMED!
YAAA!
A M-MUMMY!
A MUMMY-- SAVING US?
I'LL TAKE IT!
LEAVE THE HUMANS ALONE!
YOU SHOULD CONCERN YOURSELF-- WITH MORBIUS, THE LIVING VAMPIRE!
HSSSSSK!
MRRRROOOOOOGGGGH!

ALL RIGHT!
LISTEN TO ME!
LISTEN!
POISON!
YOU GOTTA STOP THIS, MAN!
WE NEED YOU IN THIS FIGHT!
WE--
SHNNGK SHNK SHNNK
RIGHT... IN...THE... SPLEEN.
TH-THAT'S OKAY. H-HEALTHY, EVEN.
EXPRESS YOUR ANGER HOWEVER YOU WANT!
JUST GET IT ALL OUT SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON--
SHNK SHNNNK
SHNNGK SHNNNK SHNNNK
YEAAARGH!

GRRRAAAAAAAH!
WELL, I TRIED.
BUT I SEE THERE'S NO TALKING SENSE INTO YOU.
YOU'RE AS STUBBORN AS YOUR OLD MAN.*
IS THE SON OF ALTERNATE-UNIVERSE WOLVERINE.
N-NO-NO-NOOOOOO!
CLOSE YOUR EYES, BABY!
OH!
CLOSE YOUR EYES!
HSSSSSSSSSK!
NO.
I CAN'T...
...I WON'T...
...LET THIS HAPPEN.
ALL RIGHT!
POISON AND PRINCESS DEADPOOL!
BACK ON THE SAME TEAM AND BACK IN BUSINESS!

THERE'S A HEARTWARMING BUDDY MOVIE IN HERE SOMEWHERE, I JUST KNOW IT!

WE JUST NEED TO HOLD THEM BACK!

BUY SOME TIME!

FOR THE CIVILIANS TO GET CLEAR!

NO MORE MORTALS DIE!

NOT HERE!

NOT TODAY!

SO SWEARS-- THE MONSTER OF FRANKENSTEIN!

SEE? FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE IS BETTER THAN THIS RIGHT? THIS IS MORE FUN!

THIS CHANGES... NOTHING.

I KNOW WHY YOU SOUGHT ME OUT, DEADPOOL.

WHEN THIS IS OVER...I WANT YOU TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED.

SUCH A DOWNER
WHERE YOU COME FROM...
...IS EVERYONE ULTIMATE EMO OR WHAT?
'CAUSE, IF SO, I'M SURE SILENCE WOULD THINK IT WAS NICE.
SILENCE!
THAT'S WHAT I SAID
I MEAN-- SHUT IT.
HHHHSSSSSSSSSK!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
I GET CHATTY WHEN I'M KILLING THE UNDEAD WITH FRIENDS.
SORRY!
SHUUUSSSSH
RRRRPOP
MAYBE THE MONSTERS WILL TAKE HIM BACK WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER.

SLLLLSH
I'M SORRY, SILENCE.
BUT WE DON'T WANT HIM BACK.
HRRRSSSSSSK
GET THIS THING OFF ME!
GET IT OFF!
PLEASE!
GET THIS OFF ME!
SHRA-GGGGGK
ROOOOOOAAAARRRGH!

IS THAT IT?
IS IT OVER?
DID WE WIN?
THE CITY'S CRAWLING WITH ZOMBIOTES.
THEY'LL BE BACK.
THIS IS JUST A REPRIEVE.
AND THEY'LL BE JUST AS HUNGRY.
FRANK--WE NEED TO GET THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE OFF THE STREET.
NOW.
WE'VE GOT A BREATHER.
LET'S KEEP THEM BREATHING.

THIS WAY!
COME!
WE WILL GET YOU TO SAFETY!
WE'LL FIND YOU A PLACE TO HIDE!
PRINCESS!
HOW'D BONDING WITH MY O.P. HEALING FACTOR TREAT YOU?
FEELING BETTER?
ROOWF
A LITTLE BETTER, PAPA
FIGHT'S NOT OVER.
I KNOW.
BUT WE SAVED PEOPLE.
FEELS LIKE A WIN.
ZOMBIOTES OR NO, WE'RE NOT OUT OF DANGER.
I CAN FEEL IT.
THE RAGE.
CHURNING INSIDE ME.
I DON'T THINK I CAN KEEP IT IN CHECK MUCH LONGER.
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST GET THIS DONE, HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
GET WHAT DONE?
YOU TWO AREN'T GOING TO START TEARING EACH OTHER APART AGAIN, ARE YOU?
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
SIT THIS ONE OUT, KID.
"KID"?
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?
I'M NOT SOME--
UH.
WHO THE HELL IS THAT?
AGENT MOBIUS!
THERE YOU ARE!
ABOUT TIME!
DID YOU--?
NO, SORRY.
MO-BIUS.
NOT MORB-IUS.

WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, DEADPOOL.
PLEASE STEP ASIDE.
WE'LL HANDLE THE ASSET.
WE'LL GET HIM THE HELP HE NEEDS.
VARIANT-- JAMES HUDSON.
POISON.
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR--
HEY!
HOLD ON!
WHAT IS THIS?
GET AWAY FROM HIM!
I'M WITH THE TIME VARIANCE AUTHORITY.
WE ARE THE--
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU'RE WITH!
YOU DRAW A GUN ON A FRIEND, YOU'D BEST BE READY TO HAVE THAT GUN SHOVED STRAIGHT UP--
SILENCE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
LET THEM WORK.
AS AGREED.
YOUR FINDER'S FEE, MR. WILSON.
THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

YOU KNOW, MOBIUS--
--WE'VE GOT A BIT OF A SUMMER-EVENT CRISIS ON OUR HANDS HERE.
AND I'M BETTING IT'S GOT MULTIVERSAL SHENANIGANS WRITTEN ALL OVER IT.
WE COULD PROBABLY USE THE HELP OF YOU AND YOUR TEAM.
SORRY.
NOT MY DIVISION.
VSSSSSH
THAT'S WHAT THIS WAS ABOUT?
THE MONSTER METROPOLIS?
POISON?
YOU WERE JUST SETTING HIM UP AND SELLING HIM OUT?
YOU MIGHT WANT TO HOLD ON TO THAT RIGHTEOUS ANGER.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO PUT IT TO WORK.
HSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS

YOU JUST...
...HANDED POISON OVER...
...TO WHOEVER THE HELL THOSE GUYS WERE!
I KNOW.
I'M THE WORST.
BUT THE TVA WAS GOING TO COME FOR HIM WITH OR WITHOUT ME.
"BUT LOOK ON THE BRIGHT AND SPARKLY SIDE.
"WERE MY ACTIONS ALTRUISTIC? NO.
"BUT IF I HADN'T GONE DOWN INTO MONSTERVILLE...
"...THE MONSTERS WOULDN'T HAVE COME UP TO SAVE THE DAY.
"AND I THINK THINGS ARE GONNA SHAKE OUT IN THEIR FAVOR."
THE MONSTERS ARE HELPING BECAUSE IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
YOU WERE THINKING OF YOURSELF.
AND THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.
DON'T TRY TO TAKE CREDIT FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE.

CREDIT OR NOT, I HELPED STRIKE THE MATCH.
YOU CAN HATE ME.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
BUT YOUR HATE'S GONNA NEED TO TAKE A BACK SEAT TO WHATEVER COMES NEXT.
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...
...MAYBE YOU'LL FORGET HOW MAD YOU ARE...
...MAYBE YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO KEEP THOSE FLAMES BURNING.

"EVEN WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER...
"...ONCE THE LAST OF THE ZOMBIOTES ARE GONE...*
"...I'VE GOT A FEELING YOU'RE GONNA HAVE PLENTY TO KEEP YOU BUSY."
*FOR MORE ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE ZOMBIOTE INVASION, SEE VENOM WAR #5.

WE'VE ARRANGED FOR SUPPLIES.
FOR MEDICINE.
FOR FOOD.
MAYBE NOT WHAT SOME OF YOUR CITIZENS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO EATING, BUT FOOD NONETHELESS.
IT'LL TAKE TIME.
BUT THE SURFACE WORLD... THE HUMANS...ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE ROLE YOU PLAYED IN THE ZOMBIOTE INVASION.

AND THEY WANT TO FIND A WAY TO COEXIST.

HUMANKIND DOES NOT, IN MY EXPERIENCE, STRIVE FOR COEXISTENCE.
YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I AM DISTRUSTFUL...
...IF I AM WARY OF BETRAYAL.
TRY TO LOOK ON THE BRIGHT AND SPARKLY SIDE.
I HATE THAT I JUST SAID THAT.
MAYBE JUST GIVE IT A CHANCE?

I'VE BEEN CHOSEN AS THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SURFACE WORLD.
THE MONSTER/HUMAN LIAISON.
AND I DON'T HAVE MUCH PATIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO BETRAYAL.

"ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO BETRAYAL."
LOOK AT 'EM.
ALL THE CITIZENRY, SCURRYING AROUND LIKE ANTS.
LIKE THEY'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN THE NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE THEY'VE ALL SHARED.
YOU THINK SILENCE AND THE MONSTERS ARE DOING ALL RIGHT?
YOU THINK THEY'LL EVER FORGIVE ME?
GRRF
WHINE
ME NEITHER.
OH WELL.
WHO NEEDS THEM?
WE GOT EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
END

VENOM WAR

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

VENOM WAR: LETHAL PROTECTORS #3

VENOM WAR: IT'S JEFF #1

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